

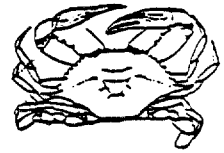
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Dear Sirs,

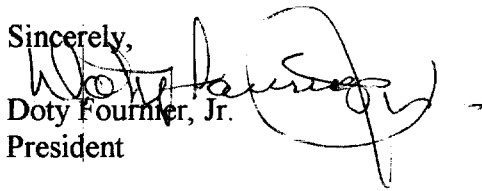
As president of R. Fournier & Sons Seafood, Inc. Mississippi's oldest seafood processor, I am in opposition of mandatory post-harvest treatment or pasteurization of fresh oysters.

I believe that unnecessary regulations would be costly and devastating to the shellfish industry.

Under the guidance of ISSU and upon the initiative of individual states working in concert with industry, a campaign of consumer education and awareness is working.

I understand there are various attempts for treating oysters such as irradiation, hydrostatic pressure and other methods being work on today which would be available economically in the near future allowing us to have a choice.

Sincerely,


Doty Fournier, Jr.
President

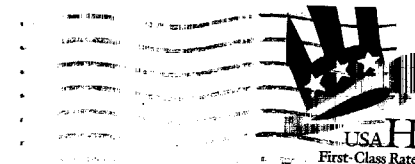
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